

Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby
AGENDA Oct. 21, 2021, 5:30 pm on Zoom

Note: Shortly after 6pm, we'll adjourn our CCL meeting and join the virtual Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee 2021 Summit. Register now for the free summit at <https://palousebasinwatersummit.org/register>

Introductions

Additions to the Agenda and Review of Minutes

Announcements – CCL assessment of carbon pricing in legislative process - Mary

Take Action Now

- **Register for Nov 13-14 CCL Conference** cclusa.org/November It's free! And if you have not done a Climate Advocate Training, that session is on Sunday and ends with a mock Lobby meeting!
- **Email President Biden and Democratic Senators** at cclusa.org/white-house. and tell them to include a carbon price in the reconciliation bill under negotiation.
- **Generate media for carbon pricing**
 - **Write letters to the editor and op-eds this month and next** calling for a price on carbon with carbon cash back (dividends) in the budget reconciliation. Great ideas and other CCL resources for writing are at [LTE topic ideas document](#), [write letters](#), [latest op-ed templates](#), [Opinion Columns](#)
 - **Ask an editor for an editorial** endorsing carbon pricing and carbon cash back in congressional legislation. See [Editorial Packets](#) resource and [Generating Editorial Endorsements](#) training.
 - **Share CCL posts on social media** – On your favorite social media, find CCL's account, and then look for a CCL post about carbon pricing. Pick one, like it, comment on it, and share it including the hashtag #PriceOnCarbon and your MOC's social media handles. [Ten Social Media Actions to take RIGHT NOW to support a #PriceOnCarbon in Budget Reconciliation](#)
- **Do CCL Phone or Text Banking for carbon pricing** [text and phone banking with CCL](#)

CCL—Palouse Reports and Actions

- Nov. 15-19 Lobby Week – Mac, Judy
- Moscow and Pullman Chamber of Commerce/Ag meeting – Judy
- Pullman and Moscow climate actions update – Kynan, Mary
- Publications - Judy
- Grassroots – Tabling – Simon
- Moscow HS Climate Justice League—Nicole, Mac
- Grasstops – Endorsements, etc. – Trish, Bill
- Braver Angels events Oct 30, 9-11am and ? – Linda, Kathy, Mary
- Presentations

Communications Exercise—The Budget Reconciliation Process (exercise at end of this agenda)

Continuing Individual Actions

- Log actions on CCL's Action Tracker: <https://community.citizensclimate.org/actions/home>
- Send information for Facebook posts to Margaret Davis (maddvm101@gmail.com)
- Check out CCL Resilience Hub – Build resilience to stay the course through the highs and lows of climate work <https://community.citizensclimate.org/topics/resilience-hub>

Next meeting Thursday, Nov. 18, 5:30 to 7pm, probably by Zoom

COMMUNICATION EXERCISE - Practice a simple explanation of budget reconciliation

Budget reconciliation is a process that Congress can use to fast-track a budget-related bill, and it's our best pathway this year for enacting carbon pricing.

Super simple federal budget role play

Friend When is Congress going to get around to that climate policy that you like so much?

You I'm glad you asked! Senate Democrats are working on the federal budget right now. The budget will be a package of legislation that includes policies in lots of different areas, like education and health care. Senate Democrats are planning to pass it with 51 votes using a process called budget reconciliation.

Friend Oh, I've heard about that. They call it the reconciliation package.

You That's right. And it also includes a lot of climate policies that will create jobs, boost the economy and reduce air pollution. One climate policy I'm particularly excited to see included is a carbon pollution fee. It'll reduce emissions by charging corporations a fee to pollute and then rebating fee proceeds to U.S. households.

Friend How long before it passes?

You It'll likely be several months before the budget is finalized and passed by both the Senate and the House, so we need to continue to urge the president, our members of Congress, our neighbors and our community leaders to support these climate policies until they are officially signed into law.

Friend I'm in. How can I help?

You Would you write a quick note to the President and post a link in your social media? And ask your partner to do it too?

Additional Resources

- CCL Community's [Breaking down the congressional budget process](#) blog post
- CCL Community's [Budget Reconciliation Explained](#) training